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The Rev. Claire W. Bamberg
Executive Director
Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc.
12 South Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06107

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30652-DTR
Discontinuance of two service locations as licensed service locations of PCCWH
Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc.

Dear Reverend Bamberg:

On December 2, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a Form 2020 request for a Certificate of Need ("CON") determination from Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc. ("PCCWH") regarding the discontinuance of two service locations in Woodbury and Waterbury as licensed outpatient psychiatric clinics under the PCCWH facility license. PCCWH is a health care facility or institution pursuant to Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes. OHCA has reviewed this matter, and finds the following pertinent facts:

Pertinent Information from a Certificate of Need authorized under Docket Number 01-552:

- 1) Under Docket Number 01-552, OHCA reviewed and authorized a Certificate of Need for the transfer of ownership of two outpatient psychiatric facilities, one in Waterbury and one in Woodbury to PCCWH. The following quotes or information is obtained from that file:
 - a) PCCWH was *"approached by a counseling center and asked"* if they *"would like to take ownership of their pastoral counseling offices which are located in two churches."* *"These two churches are loosely organized under the name of the Pastoral Counseling Center of Greater Waterbury."* *"Both churches have been used to having a licensed therapist resident in their buildings. They find many of their parishioners require therapy ..."*
 - b) PCCWH would *"like to open two offices to augment our service in Waterbury and Woodbury, CT. These same offices were previously known as the Pastoral Counseling Center of Waterbury & the Pastoral Counseling Center of Woodbury but we did not operate them. We are merging them into our agency."*

- c) *“Our intended facilities are unique in that we offer professional counseling by therapists who have dual degrees in psychotherapy and religion and our offices are located within churches.”*
- d) *“Our billing would be through our West Hartford office”.*
- e) Raymond J. Odiorne, D. Min., was at the time of the CON, the Director of, and therapist for Greater Waterbury Pastoral Counseling Center. In a letter from the Rev. Dr. Odiorne to the Executive Director of PCCWH at that time, the Rev. Odiorne indicates that *“This is an agreement between the Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford and myself, Raymond J. Odiorne, that my two locations for private practice will henceforth be offices of PCCWH.”*
- f) OHCA authorized the CON to acquire and operate a satellite outpatient psychiatric facility at each of the following churches:
 - Mill Plain Union Church, 242 Southmayd Road, Waterbury
 - United Method Church, 3 Church Street, Woodbury

Pertinent Information from previous CON Determination Report Number 05-30427-DTR:

- 2) On March 29, 2005, OHCA issued a CON determination under Report Number 05-30427-DTR, which required a CON for the termination of psychiatric outpatient services in Waterbury and Woodbury, pursuant to Section 19a-639(a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes. Below are several of the findings of fact from Report Number 05-30427-DTR:
 - a) PCCWH currently holds three licenses for Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults for the following service locations:

12 South Main Street, West Hartford
280 Country Club Road, Avon
2 North Eagleville Road, Storrs
 - b) Until November 19, 2004, PCCWH also held licenses for Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults for the following locations:

Main Street, Woodbury
2030 East Main Street, Waterbury
 - c) The licenses for these two service sites were returned to the Department of Public Health and the facilities were closed effective November 19, 2004.
 - d) The clinician who was providing services at these sites and to these clients on November 18, 2004 remains available to them in his private practice.

Pertinent information filed under RN 05-30652-DTR, the pending CON determination request:

- 3) In July of 2001, the Rev. Richard W. Horn, then Executive Director of Pastoral Counseling Center, hired the Rev. Raymond J. Odiorne as the Director of Clinical Services for PCCWH. The Rev. Odiorne brought with him the two sites in Woodbury and Waterbury, which he had been operating under the business name Greater Waterbury Pastoral Counseling Center.
- 4) PCCWH took these sites under administrative care and support, submitting whatever paperwork was necessary and, in one case, relocating services, to meet State standards for licensing. The Center also paid for advertising, telephone costs and general liability insurance for these sites.
- 5) In November of 2004, the Rev. Raymond J. Odiorne left the employ of PCCWH. The two sites were released back to the administrative and fiscal care of the Rev. Odiorne. The Department of Public Health was notified that the Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc. would no longer be administratively responsible for those sites, and the licenses for those sites were returned to the State. While those services were licensed under Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc., the Rev. Odiorne continued to advertise the services at those sites as the Greater Waterbury Pastoral Counseling Center, rather than the Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford.
- 6) On November 18, 2004 PCCWH informed its clients at those sites that *“Your therapist, Ray Odiorne, is concluding his work here at the Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc. and PCCWH will no longer run the offices in Woodbury and Waterbury.”*
- 7) The Rev. Odiorne provided counseling services out of sites in Waterbury and Woodbury before joining the staff of PCCWH in July 2001. When Rev. Odiorne came to be employed with PCCWH he *“brought the sites with him”*. He continued to serve those sites as an employee of PCCWH and when his employment ended in 11/04, he *“took the sites with him”*. He still serves the clients he was serving in those sites.
- 8) In an August 31, 2005 letter, the Rev. Odiorne confirms that all clients being seen there had no interruption of treatment and that they *“had been in therapy with myself prior to that time, and they continued to do so in those same offices after the termination of my position with PCCWH and the connection of those offices with that organization.”*

Other pertinent information:

- 9) Rev. Raymond J. Odiorne holds a Professional Counselors license issued by the Department of Public Health. He does not appear to hold a health care facility license and is therefore not a health care facility or institution pursuant to Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Based on the above, OHCA determines that the transfer of these service locations in Waterbury and Woodbury back to the Rev. Odiorne, a private practitioner, required PCCWH to remove these service locations from its license and therefore, this project represents a termination of services by a health care facility or institution, Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc. Therefore, Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc. is required to seek and obtain Certificate of Need authorization from OHCA for this termination of services, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on December 2, 2005 as the completed Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford, Inc. may file a CON application with OHCA between January 31, 2006 and April 1, 2006. A CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above CON determination, please contact Karen Roberts, Compliance Officer at (860) 418-7041. If you have any questions regarding the CON process, please contact Kimberly Martone, Supervisor of Certificate of Need, at (860) 418-7029.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Cristine A. Vogel on December 22, 2005

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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